

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L BEIRUT 1210

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: UNRWA, LE, PLO

SUBJ: PALESTINIAN REACTION TO UNRWA RATIONS REDUCTION

REF: A) BEIRUT 1102, B) BEIRUT 1155

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT OF ARTICLE  
IN Wafa, DATED JERUSALEM, FEBRUARY 28, ON REACTION OF  
GAZA RESIDENTS TO REDUCTION OF UNRWA RATIONS.

2. BEGIN TEXT: "THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF PALESTINIAN  
REFUGEES IN THE GAZA STRIP CALLED FOR A GENERAL STRIKE AND  
FOR A BOYCOTT OF THE RATIONS APPROVED BY UNRWA, STARTING  
MARCH 1ST.

3. "DURING A MEETING HELD RECENTLY, THE REFUGEE'S COMMITTEE  
DISCUSSED THE UNRWA'S DECISION TO CUT DOWN RATIONS  
ALLOCATED FOR REFUGEES, AND DECIDED TO SEND CABLES TO THE  
UN SECRETARY GENERAL, TO THE GENERAL COMMISSIONER OF THE  
UNRWA AND TO THE ARAB LEAGUE SECRETARY GENERAL,  
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EXPOSING THE CAMPS' APPALLING CONDITIONS AS A RESULT OF  
THE DECREASE IN THE AGENCY'S SERVICES. THE COMMITTEE  
ALSO DECIDED TO DISPATCH A DELEGATION TO MEET WITH THE  
ARAB LEAGUE SECRETARY GENERAL." END TEXT.

4. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL: UNRWA COMMISSIONER-GENERAL  
MCELHINEY TOLD AMBASSADOR ON FEBRUARY 28 THAT

ALTHOUGH PALESTINIANS RESIDENT IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES  
WOULD MAKE PRO FORMA PROTEST TO REDUCTION OF RATIONS,  
THEY WOULD IN FACT ACCEPT UNRWA'S DECISION WITHOUT  
VIOLENCE. WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER  
THE THREATENED GENERAL STRIKE AND BOYCOTT ACTUALLY  
TOOK PLACE. END CONFIDENTIAL.  
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